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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: REPORTS OF MAJOR ZANU RAID

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1. RHODESIAN NEWSPAPERS OF MARCH 29, 30 AND 31 REPORT THAT A 100-STRONG GROUP OF GUERRILLAS BELIEVED TO BE ZANLA SUPPORTERS OF MUGABE WERE SURPRISED AT THEIR BASE CAMP JUST SOUTH OF UMTALI BY A SMALL SECURITY FORCE PATROL.

2. THE GROUP REPORTEDLY INFILTRATED FROM MOZAMBIQUE
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THROUGH THE HEAVILY WOODED BURMA VALLEY FARMING AREA SOUTH OF THE VUMBA (RIVER).

3. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE FACTS ARE THAT A SECURITY FORCE PATROL SURPRISED A NUMBER OF TERRORISTS IN A BASE CAMP.... LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION ABANDONED BY THE TERRORIST GROUP AND A

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NUMBER OF LEAFLETS WERE RECOVERED BY THE SECURITY FORCES
AT THE SCENE."

4. COMMENT: THE ACCOUNTS IN THE RHODESIAN NEWSPAPERS
WERE SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY. ONE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE
NUMBER CONTACTED IN THIS ENCOUNTER WAS NO GREATER THAN IN
PAST ACTIONS INDICATING IT WAS A ROUTINE CONTACT.
ANOTHER ARTICLE, HOWEVER, SAYS THE GROUP WAS "ONE OF THE
LARGEST INFILTRATIONS INTO RHODESIA SINCE PRESIDENT
MACHEL CLOSED HIS BORDER WITH THIS COUNTRY..." RSA AND
RHODESIAN NEWSPAPERS INTERPRET THIS INCURSION AS AN
ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PLANS.
ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, IT REPRESENTS AN INCREASE
IN ACTIVITY IN THE BORDER WAR.
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